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Sir:

Enclosed are appropriate papers for initiating the national phase of the above-identified PCT application, comprising a specification, claims, drawing and abstract. A Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed.

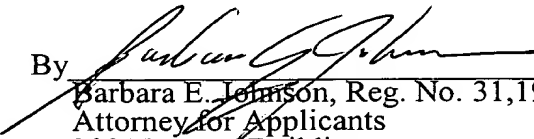
Please accept the application for purposes of granting a filing date and recognize Barbara E. Johnson, Richard L. Byrne and Thomas J. Clinton, Registration Nos. 31,198, 28,498 and 40,561, respectively, as attorneys in this application, pending the filing of a formal Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Kindly direct all communications relating to this application to **Barbara E. Johnson**.

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# Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

## English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled mineral wool plant substrate

the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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